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CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A  
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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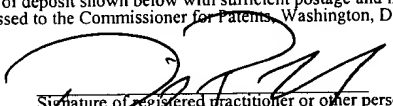
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.